## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

KEITH I. SCHORR, SUSAN SCHORR,

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

in their own right and as personal

representatives of the ESTATE OF

RYAN K. SCHORR

Plaintiffs,

BOROUGH OF LEMOYNE, et al.

HADDISBURG, PA

Per\_\_\_\_

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Defendants.

NO. 1:CV-01-0930 MARY L. L'ANY LIERI

### PLAINTIFFS' PRE-TRIAL MEMORANDUM

### DATE CONFERENCE WAS HELD BY COUNSEL:

The parties exchanged witness and exhibit lists on May 6, 2003, and have scheduled a conference of counsel for May 21, 2003.

## STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION

Plaintiffs have asserted actions under 42 U.S.C. §1983 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, over which this Court has original jurisdiction. The Court has pendent jurisdiction over plaintiffs' negligence claim against defendant Holy Spirit Hospital.

# SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FACTS AND LIABILITY CONTENTIONS

Plaintiffs' decedent Ryan Schorr was shot several times and killed in an

encounter with two part-time policemen employed by the West Shore Regional Police Commission. This fatal encounter occurred in the second floor bedroom of Ryan Schorr's home, where the police officers were attempting to take him into custody and return him to Holy Spirit Hospital pursuant to a warant issued under §302 of the Pennsylvania Mental Health Procedures Act. The §302 warrant had been issued following a petition signed by Schorr's roommate seeking his commitment to involuntary psychiatric treatment for his long-standing mental illness, a "bipolar disorder."

Earlier on the same day, the same officers had brought Ryan to Holy Spirit without incident. After he was placed in a locked "seclusion room" in the Emergency Department, he became agitated and delusional. Despite observing this condition, the only security guard on duty within the hospital left the Department for an unknown reason. Shortly afterwards, an unaccompanied crisis intervention worker opened the door of the "seclusion room" in order to "read his rights" to Schorr. Ryan brushed past her, and "eloped" from the hospital, eventually returning to his home.

Plaintiffs' assert that Holy Spirit was grossly negligent in its treatment and custody of Ryan Schorr, aggravating his condition and facilitating his elopement through a series of deviations from the applicable standard of care and a failure to take even ordinary precautions. Plaintiffs assert that the approach and conduct of the

police officers further aggravated Ryan Schorr's condition, and caused an escalation into violence, which resulted in his death. They contend *inter alia* that the officers' errors resulted from defendant West Shore Regional Police Commission's "deliberately indifferent" failure to train them, and its violation of the ADA.

Plaintiffs also contend that both Cumberland County, and Holy Spirit acted in concert under color of state law to deprive plaintiffs of their rights under the Fourteenth Amendment.

### C. <u>UNDISPUTED FACTS</u>

Plaintiffs agree with the undisputed facts listed in Exhibit A of defendant West Shore Regional Police Commission's pre-trial memorandum, but plaintiffs object to the phrasing of Fact no. 65 contained in the statement, inasmuch as it is "loaded" and/or argumentative. Furthermore, although plaintiffs do not dispute the truth of the following facts, they submit that they are not relevant:

- 56 (Role of District Attorney)
- 57 (Convening of Grand Jury)
- 65 (Lack of Previous Injury)
- 66 (Lack of Previous Shooting)
- (Officer's Self-Evaluation)
- 76 (Lack of Previous Complaints)

- (Officer's Evaluation of Training)
- 91 (Lack of Previous Complaints)

93 (Officer's Opinion of Subsequent Training)

### D. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGES

- (1) Principal Injuries: Ryan Schorr died as a result of the events giving rise to the complaint.
- (2) Hospitalization: N/A.
- (3) Present Disability: N/A
- (4) Special Damages: Plaintiffs have presented an expert report which estimates the economic damages arising from Ryan Schorr's death to range from \$238,000.00 and \$613,000.00. In addition, plaintiffs claim funeral and burial expenses in the approximate amount of \$9,700.00.
- (5) Estimated Value of

Other Damages: Ryan Schorr's pain and suffering before his death, and his plaintiff parents loss of their relationship with him (recoverable in their civil rights claims) are not capable of liquidation. However, plaintiffs' counsel estimates their value to be in excess of \$1,000,000.00. In addition, if plaintiffs succeed on their §1983 or ADA claims, they will be entitled to

an award of attorney fees and litigation costs.

### E. WITNESSES

Plaintiffs reserve the right to call any witness identified by any other party. In addition, plaintiffs may or will call the following:

### I. PARTIES

- Keith Schorr
   201 Somerset Drive
   Shiremanstown, PA 17011
- Susan Schorr
   1419 Miller Road
   Dauphin, PA 17018
- 3. Chief Howard Dougherty
  West Shore Regional Police Commission

### II. EXPERTS

4. Andrew Verzilli, Ph.D.4096 Durham RoadOttsville, PA 18942

Dr. Verzilli is an economist.

5. Ira SomersonSuite One650 Sentry ParkwayBlue Bell, PA 19462

Mr. Somerson, an expert in security, is a certified protection professional (Am. Society for Industrial Security) and a certified municipal police instructor.

D.P. Van Blaricom
 835 91<sup>st</sup> Lane, N.E.
 Bellevue, Washington 98001-4811

Mr. Van Blaricom is a widely published police practice expert, with a master's degree in public administration, and twenty-nine years of continuous police service, including eleven years as Chief of Police for the City of Bellevue, Washington.

7. Suzanne Vogel-Scibilia, M.D.219 Third StreetBeaver, Pennsylvania 15009

Dr. Vogel-Scibilia is a psychiatrist.

### III. WITNESSES ASSOCIATED WITH HOLY SPIRIT HOSPITAL

- 8. Charles Sterling
- 9. Cory Graby
- 10. Candace Highfield
- 11. Carol Joerger
- 12. Steve Buccifero
- 13. Mercedes Briscese
- 14. David Spurrier, M.D.

## IV. WITNESSES ASSOCIATED WITH CUMBERLAND COUNTY

- 15. Robert Goril
- 16. Silvia Herman
- 17. Michael Schwoyer, Chief Deputy District Attorney
  Office of the District Attorney
  Cumberland County
  One Courthouse Square
  Carlisle, Pennsylvania 18013

# V. WITNESSES ASSOCIATED WITH WEST SHORE REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION

18. Harry Hart

19. Gary Berresford

### VI. OTHER WITNESSES

- 20. Matthew Gaumer 1615 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. 3 Harrisburg, PA
- 21. Thomas HayesEast Pennsboro Police Department
- 22. Dennis McMasters
  East Pennsboro Police Department
- 23. John SancenitoCumberland County District Attorney's Office

### F. EXPERT TESTIMONY

Andrew Verzilli, Ph.D.

Dr. Verzilli will testify regarding the economic damages resulting from Ryan Schorr's death.

### Ira Somerson

Mr. Somerson will testify that Holy Spirit Hospital was grossly negligent in the provision of security within the Emergency Department on the day of Ryan Schorr's death.

### D.P. Van Blaricom

Mr. Van Blaricom will testify that the West Shore Regional Police Commission failed to implement well known and readily available procedures, policies and training

for encounters with the mentally ill, a frequently experienced risk of law enforcement service. He will also testify regarding police agencies' obligations under the ADA, and West Shore's failure to fulfill them.

## Suzanne Vogel-Scibilia, M.D.

Dr. Scibilia will testify regarding the features of bipolar illness in general, and as manifested in Ryan Schorr from the evidence. She will testify that Holy Spirit Hospital was grossly negligent in its treatment of Ryan Schorr on the day of his death, aggravating his condition and facilitating his flight. She will further testify that the conduct and approach of the West Shore Regional Police Officers produced a foreseeable and natural reaction in Ryan Schorr, associated with an unnecessry escalation of their encounter with him to violence.

## 6. SPECIAL COMMENTS

Defendant West Shore Regional Police Commission has filed a motion *in limine* regarding the testimony of Dr. Vogel-Scibilia as directed to it. Plaintiffs have responded, and a hearing has been scheduled for 5/30/03. Counsel have agreed to request to the Court that any such hearing be conducted *in camera* during trial.

Plaintiffs also seek the entry of a judgment against defendant West Shore Regional Police Commission in their action under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, based upon its admitted failure to take any measures to insure that its programs and services were "accessible" to persons with disabilities. On this count, plaintiffs will seek injunctive relief and an award of counsel fees.

### H. SUMMARY OF LEGAL ISSUES

Relevant legal issues in dispute are the subject of defendants' motions for summary judgment, to which plaintiffs have responded, and which are pending before the Court. In addition, defendants Holy Spirit Hospital's proposed special verdict questions treat "assumption of the risk" (by decedent's failure to take medication) as an applicable defense. Plaintiffs object to any use of this defense under the circumstances of this case.

### I. STIPULATIONS DESIRED

Authenticity of exhibits. Plaintiffs anticipate agreement on the subject.

## J. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF TRIAL DAYS

Six.

## K. OTHER MATTERS

N/A.

### L. EXHIBITS

List attached.

## M. SPECIAL VERDICT QUESTIONS

See attached.

## N. SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY (DEFENSE)

Not applicable to Plaintiffs.

### O. <u>DEPOSITIONS, VIDEOTAPES</u>

A videotaped trial deposition of defendants' economics expert was taken on May 21, 2003. Counsel have not yet been able to confer regarding this evidence, but do not anticipate disagreements regarding it. However, two objections will require the Court's disposition.

Respectfully submitted,

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PTF DFT	DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT OR ITEM	IDENTIFIED EVIDENCE RULING WITNESS ON STAND
P-1	Timeline/Cumberland Co. CID Detective	
	Jackson Fri. 11/17/00	
P-2	Video 11/18/00 R. Schorr@HS Hospital 11/18/00	
P-3	Audio Cassette Spliced 911 Call (Date Spliced)	
	12/18/00	
P-4	Typed Statement of Joerger 11/18/00	
P-5	Handwritten Statement of D. Spurrier, M.D.	
P-6	- MIIX Incident Report/Joerger, Highfield	
P-7	- Expert Report Van Blaricom	
P-8	Expert Report Ira Somerson	
P-9	CV of Ira Somerson	
P-10	- Expert Report of Andy Verzilli	
P-11	CV of Andy Verzilli	
P-12	_ CV of Van Blaricom	

P-21	Handy	Handy Handy	Ol Muno	) Andio	P-19   Videotape - Police 911 Recording	P-18   Videotape West Schorr Police Shooting Scene	P-17   John R. Dietz Emergency Center - Mgmt of the	Psychiatric Patient	P-16   John R. Dietz Emergency Center-Mgmt. of the	Mgmt. Acutely Dist. Patient in ECU	Rev. 8198 Crisis Intervention Services	P-15   HSH Community Mental Health Center	P-14   HSH Safety Manual Red Alert	P-13       MR Program Contract with MHMR 5/12/00	PTF DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT OR ITEM   IDENITFIED   EVIDENCE   RULING	MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA	CASE CAPTION: Schorr v. West Shore Regional Police  CASE NUMBER: 1:CV-01-0930
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P_25	Handwritten statement of Carol Joeger. R.N.	
P-26	Handwritten statement of Candace Highfield	
P-27	Expert Report, Vogel-Schibilia, M.D.	
P-28	CV Vogel Scibilia, M.D.	
P-29	WSRP General Order 95-2, impact & secondary	
	weapons policy dated 1/1/95	
P-30	WSRP General Order 95-7, use of deadly force	
	force dated 1/1/95	
P-31	WSRP General Order 95-9 dated 1/1/95	
P-32	Schorr Susquehanna Twp. HS. Records (packet)	
P-33	HSH Appendix A, Community Mental Health	
	Center Crisis Intervention Service)	
P-34	HSH Procedures for getting 302 commitment	

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P-35	12/11/00: Firearms Qualifications for Berresford				
	& Hart (four pages)				
P-36	Handwritten statement of George Kahler				
	(11/18/00)				
P-37	Incident Report C, Detective Simon Jackson				
	11/22/00				
P-38	Camp Hill Borough Complaint form 11/18/00				
P-39	Incident Report HSH dated 6/17/99 (2 pages)				
P-40	East Pennsboro Township Police Dept. Records				
	(9 pgs.) 11/18/00				
P-41	Cumberland Co. DA, Report of Detective David				
	Smith dated 11/18/00 with attachments				
P-42	General Investigation report of Tpr. Sally A.				
	Worst dated 11/19/00 (packet)				

P-50	P-49	P-48	P-47		P-46	P-45			P-44		P-43	PTF DFT		CASE CAPT
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11/28/00	P-58   Transcript Statemer	11/18/00	P-57   Transcripts and Cor	P-56   involuntary commit	Response of Chief D	responses (responses	P-55   Police Handling of n	P-54 Basic recruit curricu	Questionnaire (12/1)	P-53   Police Handling of N	P-52   Recognizing Special	Workers at Stevens	P-51   Cumberland Co. Tra	PTF DESCRIPTION OF O	MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA	CASE CAPTION: Schorr v. West ?
	anscript Statement of Matthew Gaumer dated		anscripts and Communication Log Times dated	untary commitments dated 12/11/00	esponse of Chief Dougherty to inquiry re: 302	responses (responses re: Carlisle and WSRPD)	Police Handling of mentally ill Questionnaire with	recruit curriculum MPOETC (no date)	uestionnaire (12/12/00)(and responses - packet)	olice Handling of Mentally 111 persons	ecognizing Special Needs MPOETC Training	kers at Stevens Center (no date)	erland Co. Training Manual for Crisis	RIPTION OF OBJECT OR ITEM	LVANIA	Schorr v. West Shore Regional Police
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P-59	Letter of John Sancenito, County detective to				
	Chief Dougherty dated 12/6/00				
P-60	Basic Training Curriculum CD dated 11/14/99				
P-61	Floor Plan of Schorr Apt. (2 pgs.)				
P-62	Notes, measurements and photomaker list from				
	Schorr apt. dated 11/19/00				
P-63	Model Law for Assisted Treatment (2000)				
	(Treatment Advocacy Center Arlington, VA)				
P-64	Videotape - "Ultimate Survivors"				
P-65	Mephis Police Crisis Intervention Team Manual				
	(no date)				
P-66	Holy Spirit Hospital Records, Ryan Schorr				
	(11/29/00 - packet)				

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P-67	Community Mental Health Treatment Center		
	records HSH, Ryan Schorr (packet - 6/1/95)		
P-68	Drug use profile sheets (Ryan Schorr - packet,		
	no date)		
P-69	Community Mental Health Center packet (Ryan		
	Schorr) (no date)		
P-70	Community Mental Health Center Holy Spirit		
	Hospital Medical Records packet (10/4/99)		
P-71	- Community Mental Health Ctr. HSH, Medical		
	Records packet Ryan Schorr (5/7/97)		
P-72	_ CIS Patient Admission form and records packet		
	- Ryan Schorr (11/13/95)		
P-73	- PIMCC Pharmacy Report for Cumberland Co.		

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P-74	Ryan Schorr Medication Receipt 11/16/00	
P-75	Edgewater Psychiatric Records of Ryan Schorr	
P-76	"302" Involuntary Commitment Packet for Ryan	
	Schorr Dated 11/18/00	
P-77	Edgewater Psychiatric Center Records, Ryan	
	Schorr, (4/24/99)	
P-78	HSH D&A Outpatient Services (Packet)	
	Ryan Schorr, Dated 6/21/00	
P-79	HSH D&A Outpatient Services (Packet)	
	Ryan Schorr, (Dated 7/16/99)	
P-80	HSH D&A Outpatient Services (Packet)	
	Ryan Schorr, Dated 10/31/95	
P-81	Community Mental Health Treatment Center	
	Records, Ryan Schorr, Dated 10/4/99 (Packet)	

			P-86 Photographs - Ryan Schorr Residence	12/6/00 with Attached Response from Dougherty	P-85   Letter of Detective John Sancenito Dated	 P-84 WSRP Complaint Report (Packet) Dated -	P-83   WSRP Manual With Attachments (No Date)	(Packet 1999-2002	P-82   Mandatory In Service Training WSRP	PTF DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT OR ITEM	MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA	CASE CAPTION: Schorr v. West Shore Regional Police
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		Plaintiffs,	•				
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	PLA.	INTIFFS' PROPOSED SPEC	<u> IAL</u>	VERDICT QUESTIONS			
I.	PLA]	NTIFFS' CLAIMS AGAINST	HOL)	Y SPIRIT HOSPITAL ["HSH"]			
	1.	Do you find that HSH was gros	ssly negligent in its action or failures to				
		act in the care, treatment and c	ustody	y of Ryan Schorr?			
		Yes		No			
	2.	Do you find that HSH, acting of	or faili	ing to act with deliberate			
		indifference, deprived Ryan So	horr (	of his Constitutional rights, as the			
		Court has explained them to yo	ou?				
		Yes		No			

3. If you answered "yes" to either No. 1 or No. 2, do you find										
		HSH's actions or failures to act were a substantial factor in bringing								
		about Ryan Schorr's death?								
		YesNo								
Ι.		IMS AGAINST WEST SHORE REGIONAL ICE COMMISSION AND CHIEF DOUGHERTY								
	4.	Do you find that West Shore Regional Police Commission or Chief								
		Dougherty, acting with deliberate indifference, failed to implement								
		policies which would have enabled police officers to encounter Ryan								
		Schorr in a safe manner?								
		YesNo								
	5.	If you answered "yes" to no. 4, do you find that defendants' acts or								
		failures to act were a substantial factor in bringing about Ryan								
		Schorr's death?								
		YesNo								
П.	<u>CLA</u>	IMS AGAINST CUMBERLAND COUNTY								
	6.	Do you find that Cumberland County, acting or failing to act with								
		deliberate indifference, deprived Ryan Schorr of his Constitutional								
		rights, as the Court has explained them to you?								
		YesNo								

	7.	If you answered "yes" to no. 6, do you find that Cumberland								
		County's acts or failures to act were a substantial factor in bringing								
		about	Ryan Schorr's death?							
			YesNo							
IV.	<u>DAN</u>	IAGES								
	ANS	WER ]	THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ONLY IF	YOUR ANSWER						
ARE	CON	ΓΑΙΝΕ	D IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING COMBIN	NATIONS?						
		A.	"Yes" to #s 1 and 3;							
		В.	or "Yes" to #s 1, 2 and 3;							
		C.	"Yes" to #s 2 and 3;							
		D.	or "Yes" to #s 4 and 5;							
		E.	or "Yes" to #s 6 and 7;							
	8.	What	amount of damages do you award plaintiffs	for the following						
item	s?									
		a)	Pain and suffering of Ryan Schorr:	\$						
		b)	Economic damages arising from the death of Ryan Schorr:	\$						

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL QUESTION ONLY IF
YOUR PREVIOUS ANSWERS ARE CONTAINED IN ANY OF THE
FOLLOWING COMBINATIONS:

A. "Yes" to 2 and 3; or
B. "Yes" to 4 and 5; or
C. "Yes" to 6 and 7;

9. What amount of damages do you award the parents of Ryan Schorr in compensation for their loss of their parent-child relationship with him?

Keith Schorr \$\_\_\_\_\_\_Susan Schorr \$\_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, GERALD J. WILLIAMS, hereby certify that on this date I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Plaintiffs' Pretrial Memorandum and Special Verdict Questions by first class mail, postage prepaid upon the following counsel:

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